

**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Group Art Unit: 2614

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Examiner: Shirley Chang

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For: PROGRAM GUIDING APPARATUS AND METHOD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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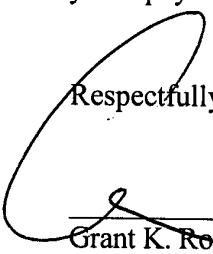
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of May 2, 2006 to October 2, 2006.

A check for the statutory fee of \$450.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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